GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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Akola Airport
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Akola airport is running in loss;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the action taken by the Government to introduce air service from the said airport to other cities and the outcome thereof; and

(d) the efforts made by the Government to make Akola airport profitable?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Akola Airport has incurred losses due to the fact that the revenue generated are not sufficient to cover the operational and maintenance cost.;
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(c) & (d): During the Slot Coordination Committee meetings which are held twice a year, Airports Authority of India (AAI) requests all the scheduled airline operators to start flights from the operational airports of AAI where necessary infrastructure is available. However, flight operations in domestic sector have been deregulated and the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDG) issued by the Government. It is upto the airline operators to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability.